

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 17-A: MAINE CRIMINAL CODE**  
**Chapter 21: OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER**

**§502. FAILURE TO DISPERSE**

1. When 6 or more persons are participating in a course of disorderly conduct likely to cause substantial harm or serious inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, a law enforcement officer may order the participants and others in the immediate vicinity to disperse.

[ 1975, c. 499, §1 (NEW) . ]

2. A person is guilty of failure to disperse if the person knowingly fails to comply with an order made pursuant to subsection 1 and:

A. The person is a participant in the course of disorderly conduct. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime; or [ 2001, c. 383, §64 (NEW); 2001, c. 383, §156 (AFF) . ]

B. The person is in the immediate vicinity of the disorderly conduct. Violation of this paragraph is a Class E crime. [ 2001, c. 383, §64 (NEW); 2001, c. 383, §156 (AFF) . ]

[ 2001, c. 383, §156 (AFF); 2001, c. 383, §64 (RPR) . ]

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[ 2001, c. 383, §156 (AFF); 2001, c. 383, §65 (RP) . ]

**SECTION HISTORY**

1975, c. 499, §1 (NEW). 2001, c. 383, §§64,64 (AMD). 2001, c. 383, §156 (AFF) .

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